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WILL VOTE ON ROAD BONDS IN SUM OF \$60,000

THREE DISTRICTS IN THIS COUNTY TO DECIDE ON IMPROVEMENTS.

JULY 30 IS THE DATE

Artesia, West Port and Old Zion are Road Taxing Districts Affected.

At a special election which is to be held Tuesday, July 30, the citizen of 3 separate road taxing districts in this county will vote on bonds totaling \$60,000 for the improvement of public highways in these three districts.

The people in the Artesia road taxing districts are to vote on the issuance of bonds in the sum of \$25,000 for the improvement of public highways in that district, while the people of the West Port district will decide at the polls whether or not a similar sum will be expended in the improvement of their roads. Both these districts are in the prairie section west of the Tombigbee river, while in the Old Zion district, which is in the sum of \$10,000 for the improvement of their highways.

The election of the Mississippi legislature, which provides that no bonds may be issued for any purpose except by authority of the qualified electors of the district affected, and that authority must be granted at the polls.

Jacob Jamison.

The many friends in Columbus of Mr. Paul B. Jacob, a son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Jacob, will be interested in hearing of his marriage on June 11 to Miss Sarah Dorsey Jamison, of Louisville, Miss., the wedding having taken place in Washington, D. C.

The bride, who is well known here, graduated some time ago from the Industrial Institute and College. She is a beautiful young lady and comes from a prominent family.

The groom left Columbus about a year ago and went to Philadelphia where he took up work as a machinist in the navy. The Commercial joins the many friends of this happy couple in extending them best wishes.

Christian Church Notice.

An important business meeting of the members of the Christian church has been called for next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and every member is urged to be present.

Rev. W. F. Mott, of Dublin, Ga. has been called to the Christian church here, but is not expected to arrive until next fall.

Mrs. D. D. Stephenson and Miss Annie Stephenson, who have been spending the past three weeks in Huntsville, Ala., returned to Columbus yesterday afternoon and will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Harris the remainder of the month.

FOUR PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM FARM

NEGRO TRUSTIES TAKE FRENCH LEAVE DURING ABSENCE OF MANAGER BRAZEAL.

Four negro prisoners, Andrew Ball, Leonard Penrose, Albert Cruse and Gus Taylor, escaped from the Lowndes county penal farm Sunday. The negroes were all trustees, and walked off while Mr. Thad Brazeele, the manager, was absent and his brother, Mr. James Brazeele, was taking a nap. It seems that the guard had the utmost confidence in the negroes and entertained no idea that they would take French leave, as they had been accorded many privileges in the past and had never attempted to leave the farm.

Six prisoners escaped from the farm a few weeks ago the action of the four men in walking away yesterday leaves Manager Brazeele in a pretty bad fix as he has a big crop rapidly nearing maturity and less than half a dozen prisoners to do the harvesting.

CHURCHES PAY HIGH HONOR TO ENLISTED MEN

FLAG SERVICE HELD AT FOUR HOUSES OF WORSHIP SUNDAY.

HONOR ROLLS READ

Methodists, Baptists, Episcopalians and Presbyterians Acclaim Members.

A flag service was held at the First Baptist church Sunday morning in honor of the 38 young men from the congregation who have joined the colors since the United States entered the war against Germany, and an interesting program, the principal feature of which was an address by Hon. H. L. Whitfield, president of the Mississippi Industrial Institute and College, was given.

The program was opened with a song by the congregation, after which there was a prayer and this was followed by patriotic recitations by Mr. Hartsell McClanahan, Miss Mary Alice Puckett and Miss Mae Shackleford. Mr. J. A. Goree then read a list of the members of the church who are in various branches of the service, and this was followed by the address by Mr. Whitfield, the service having closed with the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" by the congregation.

The honor roll of the First Baptist church is as follows: Arnold Burkett, Ernest Burkett, Samuel B. Bolling, Clyde Branch, Thos. A. Brown, Bennett W. Ellis, Wm. F. Goree, Willie H. Grace, Arthur C. Halbert, Eugene Harrison, W. O. Hartsell, Edward W. Hodges, Hollis Imes, Everett Jacob, Paul Jacob, John B. Lawley, Atwell P. Lincoln, Lon. W. Lincoln, Blanche McClanahan, J. Davis McCullough, Louie G. McCullough, W. Lee McCullough, Wm. F. Mayo, W. S. Mullins, deceased, J. C. Mills, Edward Mullen, Chas. Morris, William Probst, Neuber Puckett, Geo. D. Sanders, Jr., Hampton H. Savage, Albert Shackleford, J. Davis Shackleford, John H. Stanley, Quinby Stinson, Edwin Sanders, J. N. Stuckey, Jack White, Finis Wooten, Jack Tankley, Foster Griffin, W. I. Ussery, Jr., J. P. Halbert.

Fourteen members of the congregation of St. Paul's Episcopal church have also joined the colors and these young men were likewise honored with a large service flag Sunday. An appropriate address was delivered by Rev. E. Lucien, Malone, the rector, and the program included the reading of the names of the young men in whose honor the service was held and the singing of several patriotic songs.

Those on the honor roll from St. Paul's Episcopal church are: Quincy Ayres, William Hayden Brooks, Ellis Rhett, William Henry Curtis, George H. Curtis, Jr., Julian B. Hopkins, Samuel M. Egger, Wileman Coleman Banks, Jr., D. Davis Patty, William E. Richards, Sam B. Johnston John V. Mitchell, Josephus Wood.

A similar service was held at the First Methodist church Sunday in honor of the members of the congregation who have rallied to the country's call. A delightful feature of the service was the rendition of a patriotic song, "The Service Flag," by Mr. Henry Benoit, and the program also included the reading of the names of members of the congregation who are now in service by Rev. S. L. Pope, the pastor.

Those who are on the honor roll from the First Methodist church are as follows: Felix Chapman, Henry Clark, Louis I. Cummings, E. H. Cummings, George Dillard, J. H. Jemison, E. B. Kirksey, W. F. Lee, Jr., James B. Leigh, George F. Mosby, A. B. Myrick, Will Myrick, Tom R. McBeath, W. P. Noneriff, Ed Miller, Jas. Louis McWilliams, Elzie B. Nash, Wm. R. Nash, Frank A. Nash, John Oliver, Jr. Ben Richardson, Jake Sharp, John B. Sale, Shelly Steger, David Steger, W. W. Westmoreland, Jr., Walter Woolard, Wm. E. Waring, Jr., H. B. Waddell, H. M. Waddell, Joe Randle, Garland moreland, Jr., Robert Lipsey, Chas. Ferris Jones, Julian Sherrod, Neilson Beard, Leslie M. Wood.

The flag service at the First Presbyterian church was held in connection with the service at the other churches.

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PRESENT JEWEL; INSTALL OFFICERS

RECENT MEETING OF LOCAL PYTHIAN LODGE BROUGHT TWO INTERESTING EVENTS

At a regular meeting of Tombigbee Lodge No. 12, Knights of Pythias, which was held Tuesday night the following officers were recently elected were installed: George O. Senter, chancellor commander; Clifton Golding, vice-chancellor; Fred Hayslett, prelate; F. D. Ellis, master of work; Earl Jones, master at arms; J. A. Perkerson, inner guard; G. R. Neuman, outer guard.

The meeting also witnessed presentation of the veteran's jewel to Mr. C. M. Reeves, who has been a Pythian 25 years. The jewel was presented by Maj. B. A. Lincoln who is an officer of the Mississippi grand lodge and who is well known in fraternal circles throughout the state. Maj. Lincoln made an impressive talk, which was gracefully and feelingly replied to by Mr. Reeves in accepting the handsome badge of honor which he has won by his loyal work for Pythianism throughout a quarter of a century.

CROP PROSPECTS ARE VERY BRIGHT

CONTINUED GOOD WEATHER INSURES BOUNTIFUL YIELDS IN LOCAL TERRITORY.

Favorable weather which has prevailed in this section during the past ten days has materially improved crop prospects, and unless some unforeseen setback takes the yield of cotton, corn and other agricultural products will be more bountiful than for many years past.

Boll weevils appeared here several weeks ago, and as their appearance was speedily followed by several showers farmers began to fear that material injury to cotton would ensue, as the pests invariably propagate rapidly during wet weather. No rain has fallen during the past week, however and the weevils seem to be doing very little damage. They are present on a number of plantations in various sections of the county, but the infestation is not general, and the damage which they so far wrought has been so slight as to be practically negligible.

The most serious problem which local farmers are now experiencing is to secure storage facilities for their hay. Large quantities of alfalfa are grown in the prairie section of Columbus, and as the government limits the time which wholesalers can hold this commodity it can not be always sold as soon as harvested, as has been the case in former years. Few of the farmers have barns sufficiently large to store any considerable quantities of hay, and it is probable that many of them will be forced to solve the problem which confronts them by securing storage in warehouses in Columbus.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO OPEN EARLY

COUNCIL DECIDES TO CONSERVE FUEL AND SETS MONDAY, SEPT. 2, FOR OPENING.

The city council at a recent meeting adopted a resolution providing that the local public schools resume their work two weeks earlier than usual this year, and these institutions will open Monday, September 2, instead of Monday, September 16, as formally announced.

The change was made for patriotic and economic reasons, as it will be possible to suspend work for a couple of weeks any time during the winter that coal may become scarce without having to make up the lost time later on.

The council has displayed its usual wisdom in providing for the early opening of the schools, as the change in dates will work a hardship upon no one and at the same time will result in conservation of fuel. Most students will be tired of vacation pursuits and pastimes by the time September arrives and will be only too glad to resume their studies while a holiday later in the session, if it becomes necessary to give one, will be highly appreciated, as it will save both pupils and teachers from the discomfort incident to traveling and from the school during exceedingly severe weather.

SELECTMEN TO LEAVE.

Sixty-four local selectmen will be introduced into military service within the next ten days. Of this number 22 are white men and will go to Camp Shelby, while the remaining 42 are negroes and will go to Camp Funston.

The white men in class one have been almost exhausted, and in order to secure the number specified in the call it was necessary to summon several young men who have reached the age of 21 within the past year and who registered on June 5, last. These men have not yet passed the requisite physical tests, but will be examined before being sent to camp.

The white men will entrain for Camp Shelby, Friday, July 19, while the negroes will leave for Camp Funston Thursday, July 18.

Mrs. C. R. Rabbie and three children, of Coden, Ala., Mrs. L. S. Fluker and son, of Livingston, Ala., and Mrs. E. G. Handley and daughter, also of Livingston, are in the city the guests of their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Stinson, of Greenwood, spent the first of the week here, having been called to the city on account of the illness of Mrs. Stinson's mother, Mrs. J. D. McCullough.

Miss Ella Mosby returned Monday after a pleasant visit of several weeks to Washington, D. C., and Virginia.

Mr. E. C. Finley, of Washington, D. C., who is well known in Columbus is a visitor in the city.

EDITOR FACES PERJURY CHARGE

E. A. RUMELEY OF NEW YORK MAIL AND EXPRESS, PLACED UNDER ARREST.

New York, July 10.—Edward A. Rumeley, vice-president and secretary of the Mail and Express Company, publisher of the New York Evening Mail, was arrested here recently in the office of Attorney General Lewis, charged with perjury in a report to A. Mitchell Palmer, alien property custodian.

The complaint against Dr. Rumeley charged that in making a report to the alien property custodian regarding the transaction he failed to disclose his relation with Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador to the United States, and Dr. Heinrich F. Albert, commercial attache of the German embassy.

The attorney general charged that the German government paid Dr. Rumeley in several transactions connected with the purchase of the Mail \$1,361,000. The payments, it was alleged, were concealed until their details were discovered by investigators of the Department of Justice and the New York state attorney general.

REPORT FAVORS WIRE CONTROL

SENATE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION INDORSES PROPOSED ACTION.

Washington, July 10.—After a three-hour examination of Newcomb Carlton, president of the Western Union Telegraph Company, the senate interstate commerce committee voted 7 to 3 to report without amendment of farther hearing the house resolution authorizing government control during the war of telegraph, telephone, cable and radio systems.

Chairman Smith planned to report the resolution to the senate tomorrow but is undetermined whether to urge immediate consideration and thus replace the \$11,000,000 emergency agricultural appropriation bill with its war time prohibition rider. While expecting bitter contests, senate leaders believe a vote can be reached soon and farther hearing will not be asked in view of the resident's insistence for early action.

After the senate yesterday rejected the committee report on a point of order that a majority of the committee members and not of those present must vote to report legislation, Chairman Smith today listed all members of the committee in Washington, ten senators finally attending the session. President Carleton was in town and he was examined at length behind closed doors. It was explained later in answer to criticisms of senators and newspaper correspondents were excluded through a misunderstanding.

Mr. Carleton told the committee he did not think there was necessity for the government taking over the telephone wires but he would not oppose it unless the design was to unionize the employees.

VIOLATION OF SUNDAY LAWS HERE CHARGED

PASTORS OF THE LOCAL CHURCHES WANT LID CLAMPED ON TIGHT.

PRESENT A PETITION

Officials Say if Matter is Pressed Laws will be Enforced Without Favor.

Alleging that the Sabbath laws are being violated in Columbus, the ministers of the city have presented to Mayor McClanahan a petition which seeks to secure a more rigid enforcement of these laws.

Rev. J. A. Lee, pastor of the second Baptist church, presented the petition to Mayor McClanahan and requested that official to lay it before the municipal council. "The city," declares the petition, is composed largely of professed Christians and that many citizens of Columbus are violating the Sunday laws; that many people are required to work on Sundays who would prefer to enjoy a day of rest."

It is declared by officials that if those at the head of the movement press the matter the law will be enforced to the letter, which means not only that garages, soft drink stands, cigar stands, ice cream parlors, ice plants, grocery stores and boot black stands would be closed on the Sabbath but that the delivery of newspapers on that day would also be stopped.

To carry out the wishes of the ministers would be to make Sunday a day of deprivation and distress and it is hardly probable that the majority of the people would favor such action. No statement has been made as to when the petition will come up before the council for consideration.

SENATOR WILLIAMS LOSES HIS DAUGHTER

Washington July 8.—Senator Williams, of Mississippi, was called to Hendersonville, N. C., by the sudden death of his daughter, Mrs. Thomas R. Boykin, formerly well-known in congressional circles as Miss Julia Williams.

Mrs. Boykin, whose home was in Columbus, and had gone to Hendersonville in the hope of regaining her strength.

Miss Steen at Payne Field.

Miss Rebecca Steen, a native of this city, is now head nurse at Payne Field, near West Point. Miss Steen left here several years ago and took the complete training course for nurses at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. For some time past she has been stationed at Camp Lee near Petersburg, Va., and recently was promoted to the position of head nurse at Payne Field.

Miss Steen is universally popular in Columbus, and her numerous local friends are not only pleased to note her recent promotion but are likewise glad to have her so near them.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Watson and little daughter, Martha Forrest, went to Humboldt, Tenn., Sunday having been called there by the illness of Mr. Watson's sister, Mr. Watson, who is the local ticket agent for the M. and O. R. R., returned home Monday night, his family remaining in Tennessee for a few days.

Mr. P. L. Perkins, of Crawford, was in the city on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Turner and Miss Trixie Turner, of "Megowah Meadow," spent Monday and Tuesday in the city. "Never in my lifetime have I seen better crops in this county," says Mr. Turner.

The numerous friends of Mr. L. G. Bridgforth, who resides near Crawford, are glad to learn that he is convalescent after two weeks' illness in the McKinley Sanitarium.

Miss Martha Lowther, of Jackson, who graduated the past session at I. I. and C. C., has been visiting friends here the past week.

100 KILLED IN BIG WRECK ON N., C. & ST. L. RY.

MANY PEOPLE LOSE LIVES WHEN FAST TRAINS COLLIDE.

NEGROES SUFFER

Loss of Life Confined Largely to Blacks En Route to Nashville to Work.

Nashville, Tenn., July 10.—At least 100 persons were killed and many more injured shortly after 7 o'clock Tuesday morning when Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway fast passenger train No. 1 from Memphis and No. 4 from Nashville crashed head-on together just around the sharp, steep graded curve at Dutchman's Bend, about five miles from here, near the Harding Road.

Both engines reared and fell on either side of the track, unrecognizable masses of twisted iron and steel, while the fearful impact of the blow drove the express car of the north-bound train through the flimsy wooden coaches loaded with human freight, telescoping the smoking car in front and piling high in air the two cars behind it, both packed to the aisles with negroes en route to the powder plant and some 150 other regular passengers.

Just where lies the blame it is impossible now to say. Officials of the road are silent. But one of three things is reasonably sure—that the engineer of No. 4 was given wrong instructions, ran by his signal, or overlooked the schedule on which he was supposed to run. That he knew the Memphis train to be a little late leads to the conjecture that he was attempting to reach the switch at Harding Station, a short distance beyond the scene of the wreck, before the inbound train arrived at the point.

The scene immediately following the collision is indescribable. Those escaping unhurt or with lesser injuries fled from the spot in a veritable panic. The corn fields on both sides of the track were trampled by many feet and littered with fragments of iron and wood hurled from the demolished cars. The dead lay here and there, grotesquely sprawling where they fell. The dying moaned appeals for aid, or speechless, rolled their heads from side to side and writhed in agony. Everywhere there was blood and suffering and chaos.

House Adjourns Until Friday.

Washington, July 9.—While the Senate was engaged with spirited controversies over war-time prohibition and the telegraph control resolution, the House today ordered its first three day "gentlemen's agreement" recess, adjourning tonight until Friday.

Messrs. G. W. Hairston and G. W. Hairston Jr., of Crawford, visited the city yesterday.

NORMAL FOR BLACKS AT UNION ACADEMY

WILL BEGIN JULY 15, AND CONTINUE IN SESSION UNTIL AUGUST 23.

A normal for the negro teachers of Northeast Mississippi will begin at Union Academy in this city July 15 and continue in session six weeks, closing August 23.

Arrangements for the normal are now being made by Prof. E. A. Stanley, superintendent of education for Lowndes county, and Tom Porter Harris, principal of Union Academy, and the curriculum will include courses in domestic science, manual training, agriculture and other practical subjects.

Prof. H. G. McGowan, head of the horticultural department at the Mississippi Industrial Institute and College, will serve as director of the normal, and teachers in attendance who complete the course will be granted renewal of state licenses without examination.

666 cures Chills and Fever.